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Hongkong, August 10, 1893. 880

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Hongkong, April 10, 1893. 247

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Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 223

INCLINATIONS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twentieth Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th October next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1892, and for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1893.

The Master BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 23rd September to the 7th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 22, 1893. 1664

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Hongkong, May 19, 1893. 920

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Depth of Water on Bar. North Yard Arm. South Yard Arm.

10 feet •

11 " • •

12 " • •

13 " • •

14 " • •

15 " • •

Half foot will be shown by a Ball at the half North Yard Arm.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

The greatest check to the development of the junk trade with Hongkong, according to the *London Daily News*, is the insecurity arising from the danger of piratical attack in the neighbouring waters. It is doubtful if pirates exist in any number as a class and with no other occupation. Most of the robberies at sea, our Consul say, are committed by the crews of junks which peacefully pursue their avocation as ordinary traders for the greater part of the year, and only take to piratical enterprise when compensation offers, and the chances of escape are tolerably in their favour.—Our Consul at Shanghai says that the same opium-smoking junks discarded the dear Indian opium for the native drug, to which they have accustomed themselves. At the moment there is in the port the largest stock of Indian opium on record, and its sale is rendered very difficult on account of its high price. During the year some 15,000 cwt. of morphine were imported, and it is no longer regarded as simply a 'foreign medicine.'

COMPLAINTS reach the Shanghai *Mercury* from time to time of strange irregularities in the delivery of Shanghai correspondence, forwarded through the local Post-office, to the Northern port. The latest advice of this sort comes from New York, and it is from an English correspondent writes—  
For some time past the Shanghai Local Post-mails are only received here by steamers coming from Shanghai direct, or via Chefoo, whereas, formerly, when there was no steamer leaving for Newchwang, they were forwarded to Chefoo by a Tientsin steamer, and were sent on from thence by outside steamers calling at Chefoo on their way here from southern ports or Japan. Our correspondent then asks that his correspondence should be sent through the Shanghai Customs Postal Department and says: 'I will then receive it within a week—instead of two or twelve days. People here are asking if the Chefoo Local Post has anything to do with all this unnecessary delay in the delivery of the Customs mails come to hand as heretofore.'

How is it likely to fare with armed merchant ships in the next naval war? Prince Louis of Hesse rampants us that in the Franco-German War the invaders made short work of non-combatants caught with arms in their hands. He does not suggest that the captain and crew of an armed merchant vessel would be treated in a similar manner, but he warns us that the possibility should be kept in view. Apart from this, however, the moment a merchant ship begins to fight the command of the enemy's ship has a right to seize her as an act of the flag. The fate of the country against which his country is at war—  
that is to say, that of trying to make a capture or to sink her. Therefore, apart from the danger of being killed and wounded by gun-fire during action, she becomes a legitimate target for a Whitehead torpedo, which this distinguished naval officer justly observes is tolerably appalling to contemplate in the case of a merchant ship. Speaking on these matters at the discussion at the United Service Institution, Admiral Sir Novel Salmon remarked that the Germans during the war with France started what they called a 'Volunteer Navy,' by way of evading the Declaration of Paris, and that Russia followed suit, and has now a Volunteer Navy composed of merchant ships that are said to carry their guns in their holds, and do party Government work and partly cargo carrying.

M. ALFRED BIRK has just published in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* a résumé of the results of his inquiries into the mental methods adopted by the players of blindfold chess. The sources of this article he recommends that up to the end of the eighteenth century the great players were exclusively Latin, Italian, Spanish, or Portuguese. But the Latin race has now lost the chess empire. The great players of the present day are Germans, Slavonians, Anglo-Saxons and above all, Jews. In a list of 62 chess celebrities prepared for M. Biet by M. Preit, he finds no less than 18 Jews. Some of these are Polish Jews, others Hungarian; and many of these are chess 'professionals.' In Germany, on the other hand, the great chess players are men whose sole profession has demanded devotion to serious studies. Thus Berger is a prof. Fritsch a mathematician, Goetz, the Alsatian, a doctor in philosophy; von der Lasa a minister plenipotentiary; Tarnow is a doctor of medicine. The German study the game of chess in a scientific manner, and it is among them that we find the largest number of players of the first class. The English, again, regard chess as a mortal re-creation. They play a great deal, but they do not devote profound study to the game. In it is England that chess is held most in honour, and it is England which has the largest number of players of 'mean' force. As for the Latin, they seem content to act on the letter of the maxim that chess is too trifling for a study and too serious for a re-creation.

## THE TYPHOON.

Captain F. D. Goddard of the Douglas steamer *Hawkin* which arrived this morning from Coast Trade, had a Left Passage Anchorage Fowey for Amoy 1.50 p.m. 18th inst. Barometer 29.80, a moderate N.E. breeze, hazy, with cloudy weather. Passed Sharp Point at 3.30 p.m.; wind had increased to a fresh breeze, and in passing the Telegraph Station they kindly hoisted the signal 'Typhoon East.' After crossing Outer Bar, finding wind and sea increasing, barometer falling, and every indication of coming bad weather, hauled up for Mateen Island and anchored there shortly after 6 p.m. Barometer fallen by this time to 29.74. At 8 p.m. a fresh N.E. gale was blowing, with hard squalls and showers of rain. Barometer had fallen to 29.72, ship riding easily with 60 fathoms chain. During the night it blew a fresh N.E. gale, with rain, and with hard squalls, accompanied by a gale of 20th, when we hove up and proceeded S. but before reaching White Dog the wind increased to a strong gale with blinding showers of rain; hauled up and anchored under White Dogs by 5 a.m. From this time until 9 we had to ride to the port of the ship, which had been forced to the Company.

In answer to Mr Skeels the Chairman said all the shares upon the register were fully paid-up. The Directors asked some questions upon the local expenses, and explained himself fully satisfied with the answers given by the Chairman. He complimented the Directors, and particularly Mr Francis, for settling the troublesome accounts referred to by the Chairman.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr Skeels seconded.

On the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Deacon, the re-election as Director of Mr Francis was agreed to unanimously.

Mr Smith thought it would be a good thing to give Mr Hurley a free hand in the Hotel for eighteen months, and to promote him for his activity and energy in working for the interests of the Company. The 14 shares held by Mr Francis, of course, of no marketable value and were no security at all, and the Directors might please themselves in taking any security.

The Chairman said they would at least stipulate that Mr Hurley should not dispose of the shares.

The whole matter was left to the Directors in accordance with the articles of Association.

Upon the motion of Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Skeels, Mr W. H. Potts was re-appointed auditor.

The Chairman said as Mr Hurley would be in Canton there would be no necessity to go to the expense of a separate office, and as the meeting had kindly re-elected him as director there was no reason why the signboard of the Company should not be put up at his office, which he would be glad to place at the disposal of the Com-

pany for any little business that would require to be transacted.

Mr Smith said the shareholders were deeply indebted to Mr Francis for his generous offer and for the manner in which he had looked after their interests during the past year, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors.

The Chairman in replying acknowledged the services Mr Hurley had rendered the Company.

This was all the business.

## V.R.C. AQUATIC SPORTS.

These sports were concluded yesterday before a large crowd of spectators. H. E. Sir William Robinson was present. The best contest of the day was seen in the championship, which was accounted for by J. Carvalho, who defeated W. Stapani, a former champion, by 20 yards. At the close a polo match was played between teams captained by R. F. Lammett and J. G. Manuk. The former won by 4 goals to nil. The following were the successful competitors:—

## HEADR FROM STAGZ, (6 competitors).—

M. Figueiredo ... 1

R. F. Lammett ... 2

Bo's Race, (over 14 and under 7), handi-

cap (6 competitors).—

J. Miller (scratches) ... 1

H. Lammett (3 sets) ... 2

A. Alves (5 sets) ... 3

Scor. Race, 2 lengths (6 competitors).—

J. Carvalho ... 1

G. Howard ... 2

Band Race, 2 lengths (7 competitors).—

Bundesman Gray ... 1

L.-Corp. B. Juton ... 2

B. Guy Juton ... 3

Long Race, Championship (7 competi-

tors).—

J. Carvalho ... 1

W. Stapani ... 2

Consolation Race, 2 lengths.—

A. Alves ... 1

A. Humphreys ... 2

L. Silva ... 3

## SHAMMEEN HOTEL AND LAND CO., LIMITED.

The annual meeting of shareholders in this Company was held in the Company's Office, 7 D'Agulier Street, this afternoon. The Chairman, Mr J. J. Francis, Q.C., presided, and there were present—Messrs A. Denison, J. Rossell (Directors), H. C. Harley (Secretary), R. Fraser Smith, A. E. Skeels, and W. H. Potts.

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Before proceeding with the business of the meeting it is my duty to call your attention to the death of our senior Mr. Laprade, and Mr. Davies, and their were present: Hon. J. J. Keewick, Messrs D. R. Sackson, C. J. Holliday (Consulting Committee), D. Gillies, O. T. Veitch, V. A. Casson, Hawkins, A. G. Wood, J. D. Humphreys, C. S. Sharp, E. Jones Hughes, H. Crawford, H. E. R. Hunter, W. D. Wick, W. Parlane, J. H. Cox, R. Lyall, O. Fuberman, W. Parfitt (Secretary), E. Georg, Captain Gudford, &c.

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The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman made a long statement with regard to the affairs of the Company. When the present directors took over charge in September last there was a sum of \$10,000 due on mortgage, with interest, to Mr. Mody, and as he was pressing for payment and in order to place the establishment at Shamoon on a workable basis it was decided to borrow money. They succeeded in borrowing \$11,500 from the Land Investment Company and \$500 from the French Mission at Canton, and a sum of \$10,000 from Mr. Mody. They succeeded in getting a loan of \$10,000 from Mr. Mody, and as he was pressing for payment and in order to place the establishment at Shamoon on a workable basis it was decided to borrow money. They succeeded in borrowing \$11,500 from the Land Investment Company and \$500 from the French Mission at Canton, and a sum of \$10,000 from Mr. Mody. 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